

INTRODUCTION: World AIDS Day

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World AIDS Day, December 1st, is the international day of action on HIV and AIDS. This day is about reminding us all that HIV is an issue for everyone. On this day, we honor the millions of people around the world who have been impacted by the AIDS epidemic—those who are living with HIV, those we have lost, and the caregivers, families, friends and communities who have provided support.

Every hour, two young people in the U.S. become infected with HIV; of those who do become infected, close to 80% do not know they are HIV positive. Knowing this, we all can help empower our youth to protect themselves through education.